

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5-6, 8-10, 14-29 and 33-34 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 5-6, 8-10, 14, 16, 18 and 34 are amended, and Claims 1-2, 4, 7 and 11-13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the changes to the claims is found in at least the originally filed disclosure, including the specification at least at paragraphs 25 and 29. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-29 and 33-34 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kawase (U.S. 2001/0038102).

A personal interview was held with Examiner Matthew Such on November 17, 2010, to discuss the outstanding rejection and amendments to the claims which are consistent with those submitted herewith. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and comments at the interview.

The Examiner indicated further search and/or consideration would be necessary in light of the amendments. Accordingly, this amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Concerning the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), the independent claims are amended to recite, *inter alia*, the second electrode is at least translucent. It is respectfully submitted Kawase fails to disclose or reasonably suggest the claimed organic EL light-emitting device having an unevenness which has a period for converting a waveguide mode to a radiation mode and inhibiting a propagation of light in a waveguide mode, where the second electrode is at least translucent.

In particular, Kawase describes a second non-transparent electrode 22.<sup>1</sup> Further, Kawase describes a non-transparent anode 26 and a non-transparent cathode 30.<sup>2</sup> In Figure 9, Kawase describes a transparent electrode 220 on a substrate 200, but the electrode 260 does not appear to be translucent or transparent based on the descriptions in paragraph [0056], especially considering none of the disclosure of Kawase describes a transparent or translucent second electrode. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted Kawase is silent regarding an at least translucent second electrode in the context of the claimed organic EL light emitting device having the claimed unevenness which has a period for converting a waveguide mode to a radiation mode.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the claims, although varying in scope, are allowable over Kawase and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) should be withdrawn.


Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner disagree, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any remaining issues. Otherwise, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Kawase, paragraph [0025].

<sup>2</sup> Kawase, paragraph [0029].